

From the Editors

Populations of frog species have declined globally in the past twenty years. It is a matter of debate as to whether or not this is due entirely to climate change, but the more attention that can be focused on these amphibians the better we will be to make that judgement. We are pleased to offer in this issue of *The Victorian Naturalist* a small collection of papers on the subject of frogs, which will contribute to this discussion.

The specific foci of these papers range include the effect of fungus on populations of Alpine Tree Frogs following the 2009 bushfires; an extension in range of the Bleating Tree Frog; a call record for a frog species rarely heard in Victoria; and opportunistic use of vegetation by Southern Brown Tree Frog in suburban Melbourne. A review of Chris Mattison's *Frogs and Toads* is included here to add to this theme.

The issue also includes another piece of natural history observation by a long-standing contributor to this journal, John Whinray, who is a resident of Flinders Island, where his interests range widely across the local flora and fauna. In this instance his attention is focused on the subject of land slaters.

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